

# NEWS AND NOTES OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS

## Dunsany Voices the Romanticest's Dissent

It is curious that Dunsany has seen few of the plays that he has written. He has not even met Stuart Walker, who has done so much to make his plays known in this country. But there is a correspondence between them that throws much light on the plays and on the personality of Lord Dunsany himself. In one letter he says: "Don't let them hunt for allegories. What is an allegory? A man wants the streets to be better swept, or he wants his neighbors to have rather cleaner houses. He can't say so straight out; because he might be had up for libel, so he says what he has to say, but he says it about some extinct king of Babylon. However, he's thinking of his town all the time. Now when I write of Babylon, there are people who cannot see that I write it for love of Babylon's ways, and they think I'm thinking of London still and our beastly Parliament. Only I want to get further East than Babylon, even to kingdoms that seem to lie in the twilight beyond the East of the world. I want to write about men and women and the great forces that have been with them from the cradle up—forces that the critics have neither aged nor weakened."

And in another: "I have no intention of thrusting a message at them. People seem to have been so frightened by the schoolmaster that they think they see him in every one thereafter. Often critics see in my plays things that I did not know were there. And that is as it should be, for instinct is swift and unconscious, while reason is slow and comes up long afterward to explain things. I try sometimes to explain genius to people who mistrust or hate it by telling them it is doing anything, as a fish swims or a swallow flies, simply and with absolute ease. Genius is, in fact, an infinite capacity for not taking pains."

The latest Dunsany play to be added to the Stuart Walker repertory is "The Daughter of the Gods," and it is interesting to note how Dunsany regards this play.

"My Dear Mr. Walker:  
I am home on a few days' leave and have just been reading 'The Daughter of the Gods.' I received your nice note, which read: 'Slaughter of the gods' availed me nothing, and I am grateful. Now, during it, we used to think it superior to 'The Gods of the Mountain,' as I thought a night at an Inn' inferior. Have you ever read 'Angels'?"

"The Great King, with his capital as a rural palace, the courtiers are delighted with their wives' hate the change. The wives at first are afraid, afterward, to leave at once. The husband schemed to get the King back again to the great metropolis. The scheming goes on all through the play. Nobody is sincere. It is the King and Queen, the gods and the executioners."

Dunsany came into being as a dramatist on the crest of the Irish Literary Theatre movement, with whose history are connected the names of Yeats, Moore, Martin, A. E., Lady Gregory, Shaw, Synge and Colum. This movement had been started ten years before he wrote his first play, while he was abroad fighting in the Boer War. His first play, "The Glimmering Gate," showed at once the extraordinary vigor of imagination which is his greatest contribution to the theatre. The scene of his play is a Lonely Place before the Gate of Heaven, where two deceased burglars stand vainly knocking at the gate. Finding it immovable, one of them brings out his Jimmy, with which he tries to open the huge gate. Suddenly the door begins to yield, and both men pause to collect their ideas of what heaven is like. One expects to find his mother there and the other expects to be greeted by a yellow-haired sibyl. Then as the door opens wide they look out and see nothing but a great blue void.

"The men and women are very clever and the gods are wonderfully eloquent. The audience can catch which the divine oracles are saying, so logically certain and inevitable that it will probably come as a surprise."

"I believe you would overcome the difficulties of staging, but it would be difficult to my taste. I have also received your long letter and was very glad to hear that you are still writing. Your plays are good to me, but we poets are not always born among our friends, but often a great way off. But sometimes it takes longer to find them, and sometimes never. Yet, after all, there's time enough for a poet to play more than one part."

"I am sending you a copy of the manifesto that the gods sent these messages that take us home on the wings of the imagination, no right to complain, except that you are not going to be paid for it."

"Moreover, I have this hope to show me—London literary folk have heard of my family. If you look up Dunsany in the papers, you will find many notices of his plays, and plenty more to come."

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"Or, if you may not find time, patient me."

"I have your gratitude now, for having such a friend with whom to go over my writing dreams and fears. The most of all, I thank you for your enthusiasm, and your recognition that a poet needs the support of his friends, and that he must be supported."

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